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October 16, 2009

Katherine Pease
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**Re: Disposal of LWG Archive Samples (Lower Willamette River, Portland Harbor
Superfund Site, USEPA Docket No: CERCLA-10-2001-0240)**

Katherine:

Pursuant to the Trustee Council's request, the Lower Willamette Group agrees to have the Trustees take possession of the Round 1 sculpin, carp and juvenile tissue samples (376 of the 1002 archived Round 1 tissue samples). Per your request, we will not transfer the sculpin samples that were out of temperature compliance. Please be advised that we will be disposing of the Round 1 tissue samples that the Trustees have not requested. The samples to be disposed of (626 of the 1002 archived Round 1 tissue samples) include: crayfish, smallmouth bass, largescale sucker, northern pikeminnow, brown bullhead, black crappie, peamouth, and carp samples.

Hans Feige at (503) 543-9700 will coordinate with Rob Neely regarding packing and transporting the samples to the NOAA facility in Seattle. We would like to have the samples picked up at your earliest convenience, but no later than November 15, 2009. This timeline is necessary because our lease is up on November 30, and it will take a few weeks for the sample disposal and equipment/fridge removal to take place.

As we discussed, the LWG believes that these samples are of limited or no value. They have exceeded their holding times by several years. We are providing these samples without making any representations regarding their suitability for any purpose.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Wyatt", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Bob Wyatt

cc: Eric Blischke
Chip Humphrey
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
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